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Thank you for subscribing to "PPOVA Updates," a service that provides updates about opportunities posted on Virginia's FREE healthcare recruitment website, [Primary Practice Opportunities of Virginia](#).

New Opportunities Posted in September

For a detailed description, visit PPOVA and [search by specialty or location](#).

Position Number	Location	Date Posted
IM2118	Alexandria	9/8/08
PED4052	Rocky Mount	9/28/08

Positions Filled in September

Position Number	Location
FP1240	Roanoke

Upcoming Events

October 14-17
[Critical Access Hospital Conference](#)
Savannah, GA

October 16-18
[Head for the Hills 2008](#)
Breaks, VA

October 23-25
[National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice](#)
Washington, DC

[View more events on our calendar](#)

Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

VCOM Among Three Osteopathic Medical Schools Ranked among Best in Nation

Three osteopathic medical schools were ranked in the Hispanic Business Journal's list of the 20 best medical schools for Hispanic students. The University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNTHSC-TCOM), Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM), and the A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM/ATSU) were all ranked in the top 20 best medical schools for Hispanic students because of the large percentage of Hispanic enrollment, dedication to underserved communities, and Hispanic faculty and programs.

The Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) Receives American Medical Association's Foundation Grant for Better Health

The Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine is one of the five medical schools selected nationally to receive a grant from the American Medical Association Foundation for programs to improve health. The other four medical schools receiving the competitive grant are Yale, Wake Forest, Rochester and Florida State University.

The VCOM program provides a hands-on science program for rural community high schools where VCOM medical students, under the guidance of Dr. Linda Frasca M.D., teach high school freshmen the anatomical and physiological effects of drugs such as methamphetamines, marijuana, prescription drug abuse, alcohol and tobacco. Southwest Virginia has some of the highest rates of prescription drug abuse, methadone deaths and substance abuse-related deaths in the country.

The program is delivered through a “Mini-Med School” which includes education on the drug related effects on the body as well as resulting health problems including hepatitis, and sexually transmitted diseases (STD’s) such as HIV. Education is also provided regarding the prevention of cervical cancer. VCOM has already presented the program at over 12 high schools in 2008 and plans to deliver the program to approximately 20 high schools. High schools participating in the program include Eastern Montgomery County, Floyd County, Pulaski County, Narrows, Giles County, Wytheville, Radford, Fort Chiswell, Blacksburg, Christiansburg and others in Southwest Virginia.



Emily McDuffee teaches four Narrows high school freshmen what would happen to them if they stopped breathing from illicit use of prescription drugs and required intubation.



Second year students, Ashley Lubecki and Michael Lokale, teach two freshmen from Narrows High School how smoking affects the heart, using a human heart, with a pacemaker from the VCOM anatomy lab.



Second year student Jared Miller teaches two Narrows high

school freshman using microscopic slides of the STD's.

Are Mid-Level Providers the Answer?

You are invited to join the Virginia Rural Health Association as they host the Virginia Dental Association, the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association and the Virginia Board of Dentistry in a panel discussion about oral health workforce issues and the possibility of using of mid-level providers to expand and address the issues of access to dental care. Different types of mid-level providers will be discussed with the pros and cons of those positions. The panel discussion is the opening presentation of the Virginia Rural Health Association Annual Conference November 6 and 7.

[Visit the website](#) to learn more.

Research recognition day to feature Nobel Laureate

The 5th Annual Via Research Recognition Day will be 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3.

Sponsored by the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, the 2008 event features Excellence Professor Oliver Smithies of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, the 2007 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, awarded for his contributions to the development of principles for introducing specific gene modification in mice by the use of embryonic stem cells.

There is no registration fee; however, pre-registration is required on or before September 26, 2008. CME credits are available.

Register and learn more [online](#).

